

# FENWICKS

**Australian Marina of the Year 2009**

**(under 85 berths)**



Andrew Fenwick, a Certified Marina Manager, is the sixth generation of marine operators.

In 1862 brothers John (Andrew's great, great grandfather) and Thomas Fenwick commenced business as "watermen" rowing clients around Sydney Harbour. With their first tug *J & T Fenwick* the brothers commenced the first towage service in Port Jackson in 1870. As shipping increased so did their tug fleet.

In 1874 the business extended to Ballina to serve the increasing cedar trade. Subsequently the business was divided with Thomas running the northern operation and John the Port Jackson operation. In 1888 the tug *Newburgh* was temporarily rigged as a brigantine and sailed to Sydney from the UK. The *Newburgh* is depicted in a copper mural that hangs today in Fenwick's office. In the early 1890s a tug was stationed at Newcastle.

John Fenwick died in 1901 aged 65.

During WW1 the *Heroine* and the *Heroic* served under British command in the UK and Mediterranean waters. In 1939 the *Hero* was despatched to Port Kembla. The Royal Australian Navy took over the *Heros* in WW2 to serve as a mine sweeper.

From 1956 the Company, under direction of Ron Fenwick (Andrew's grandfather), commenced a rebuilding programme which saw the old steam tugs replaced by diesel tugs. The *Sydney Cove* was the first of the high powered diesel tugs to operate in Australia. Doug Fenwick resigned as MD of J Fenwick and Co in 1972 to build a houseboat hire business on the Hawkesbury.

Now Andrew is continuing this great family tradition and has built up a world class marina. Andrew proudly accepted the 2009 Marina of the Year Award and strives to create excellence at Fenwicks Marina by providing first class berthing and up to date repair and maintenance facilities that has been acknowledged by this prestigious award.



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